

G. O. P. CAUCUS SO HARMONIOUS THAT IT'S DULL

Constructive Programme Is
Outlined and Leaders'
Choices Approved.

INQUIRIES INSISTED ON

Nation Will Be Told of Wild
Orgy of Expenditures by
Administration.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
WASHINGTON, May 17.—Harmony
marked the party conference to-night of
Republicans of the House of Representa-
tives. There was hardly a ripple to
disturb the plans made by party leaders
and the proceedings became so perfunctory
before the three hours of talking was
done that many of the members left dis-
appointed at the absence of fireworks.
The conference adopted a legislative
programme of a comprehensive character
as outlined in THE SUN yesterday; ap-
proved the choice of its leaders for the
offices of floor leader and whip, and ad-
journed.

Programme in Resolution.
The resolution embodying the pro-
gramme which offered the only oppor-
tunity for mild discussion, reads as fol-
lows:

Be it resolved: That the conference
of the Republican members of the
House of Representatives of the
sixty-fifth Congress declare it to
be the purpose of the Republican ma-
jority in the House to proceed at once
to the orderly, thorough and careful
consideration of a constructive pro-
gramme of legislation which, begin-
ning with the passage at the earliest
possible moment consistent with
proper consideration of the appro-
priation bills which failed of passage
in the closing days of the sixty-fifth
Congress, will include among the
matters to receive early attention the
following:

Return of the telephone, telegraph
and cable lines of the country to their
owners;

Woman suffrage amendment;

Railway legislation and develop-
ment of transportation facilities;

Military policy and measures
necessary for the earliest possible re-
turn of our soldiers from overseas;

Comprehensive American merchant
marine programme;

Public oil and coal land legislation;

Water power legislation;

Budget legislation;

Tariff legislation designed to in-
crease revenues from imports and to
afford adequate protection to Ameri-
can labor and industries;

Reduction in domestic taxation;
simplification of laws relating thereto;
and immediate repeal of obso-
lete consumption taxes;

Revision of our immigration laws
and deportation of undesirable aliens;

Measures to conserve the welfare
of our returning soldiers;

Such investigation of our admini-
strative activities and expenditures
since the beginning of the war as will
fully inform the people and serve the
public interest;

We promise a close scrutiny of ap-
propriations with a view to reducing
the enormous total of public expendi-
tures without injury to any essential
activity of the Federal Government,
and it will be our aim to legislate
with a view to aiding in restoring
and sustaining normal and prosper-
ous conditions in trade and industry
and among all our people, and legisla-
tion to extend our foreign trade and
promote alike manufacture, agricul-
ture and labor.

Representative Mondell (Wyo.) and
Representative Knutson (Minn.) the
choice of the committee on committees
for floor leader and whip, were endorsed
by the conference.

Representative Johnson (S. D.) made
a speech, declaring that he had pro-
posed to offer a resolution increasing
the membership of the steering commit-
tee from five to nine, but would not do
so at present. It was over this plan
that the friends and opponents of Rep-
resentative Mann (Ill.) were to have
heated, but Mr. Johnson's declaration
ended all prospect of a fight for the
present.

EX-SPEAKER CLARK TO LEAD MINORITY

Factional Differences Lacking
at Democratic Caucus in
the House.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
WASHINGTON, May 17.—Democrats of
the House in party caucus to-day per-
fected their party steering committee.
Democratic end of the House machine
in the next Congress without any of the
factional bitterness that had been threat-
ened by some of the more radical mem-
bers over the selection of Champ Clark
as minority leader.

Mr. Clark was nominated for the of-
fice by Representative Rucker (Mo.),
his nomination was seconded by Repre-
sentative Gallivan (Mass.). It went
through by acclamation, the Democrats
present giving him a tremendous ovation
when he rose to say a few words in ap-
preciation. Representative Saunders
(Va.) was chosen chairman of the party
caucus, and Representative Ashbrook
(Ohio), secretary, without a contest.
The radical element of the so-called
"reorganization committee," which has
been threatening Mr. Clark with things
more or less dire, did not utter a chirp
and was contented with the unanimous
adoption of a motion to appoint a com-
mittee of seven to consider the advisabil-
ity of having a party steering committee.
Representatives Garner (Tex.), Flood
(Va.), Dewalt (Pa.), Thomas Smith (N.
Y.), Sanders (La.), Gard (Ohio) and
Gandy (S. D.) were named.

Mr. Sanders, who was the leader in
the abortive move to unhorse Mr. Clark,
was made chairman of this committee,
but since a majority of its members are
known to be friends of the minority, it
is probable that if a steering committee
is finally named it will not interfere
with Mr. Clark's ideas of leading
the minority.

"Pairing" in Senate Protested.

Democrats in the Senate also held
their caucus to-day. Two determina-
tions of the Republican conference had
given offence to the Democrats, who
voiced it vigorously.

Especially was protest directed against
the resolution of the Republicans that
no pairs should be recognized in the
Senate in votes involving organizations.
The action had been taken by the Re-
publicans to insure against the possi-
bility of absentees pruning down their
insufficient majority and causing embar-
rassment. Especial attention had been
given to insuring that all Republicans
should be in their seats Monday at noon,
and it was not proposed to open the way
to any flukes by risking the chance that
the majority might be wiped out by
reason of Democratic Senators pairing.

This action will leave the Democrats
at a disadvantage because it is certain
that some of them will not be present.
Senators Gerry (R. I.), Harris (Ga.),
Phelan (Cal.) and Johnson (S. D.)
probably will all be absent, and except
Harris, a new member, they are regard-
ed by the Democrats as protected by
pairs arranged heretofore. If the absent
Democrats are not permitted through
pairs to cancel an equal number of Re-
publican votes the Republicans will have
a majority out of proportion to their
actual preponderance in membership.

Senator Hitchcock (Neb.) accordingly
introduced in the Democratic caucus a
resolution, which was adopted, declar-
ing:

"That the Democratic minority con-
ference protests against the proposi-
tion that pairs heretofore in force can
be cancelled without notice and with-
out giving absentees an opportunity
to reach Washington, and we espe-
cially deny the right of party leaders
to cancel pairs which are a matter of
honor between Senators."

No alternative was indicated by
Democratic leaders as to their course
if the Republicans should insist on the
no pairs rule, but it was made plain
by Mr. Hitchcock and others that the
protest would be carried to the Senate
floor.

Membership of Committees.

On the other point of Democratic dis-
sent there was a long and heated dis-
cussion in the caucus. The Senate some
time ago adopted a rule that the mem-
bership of committees shall hereafter be
limited to seventeen. Heretofore the
most important have had twenty. In
the last Congress the committees of
twenty were divided on the basis of
twelve Democrats to eight Republicans.
The Republicans have now resolved to
divide on the basis of ten Republicans
to seven Democrats. The Democrats
urge that the ratio of twelve to eight
was fair enough in a Senate wherein
the Democrats had ten majority, but
when the Republicans have only two ma-

jority the ratio of ten to seven strikes
them as giving an unfair advantage to
the Democrats.

The objectors insisted that the division
ought to be on the basis of nine to eight.
Some would, however, be willing to have
the number on the committee raised to
eighteen and give the Republicans one to
two for the Democrats.

Senator Martin called the gathering
to order and was elected chairman and
minority leader by acclamation, succeed-
ing himself. He was authorized by res-
olution to appoint a steering committee,
which also will serve as committee on
Democratic committee assignments. It
was provided that his selections should
be final and need not be reported back
to the caucus for confirmation. He an-
nounced this committee: Martin (Va.),
chairman ex-officio; Hitchcock (Neb.),
vice-chairman ex-officio; Williams
(Miss.), Reed (Mo.), Simmons (N. C.),
Smith (Ga.), Walsh (Mon.), Thomas
(Col.), Chamberlain (Ore.), Owen
(Okla.), Robinson (Ark.), Pittman
(Nev.) and Underwood (Ark.).

Senator Gerry (R. I.) was elected whip
succeeding ex-Senator Lewis (Ill.).

UCHIDA PROMISES SHANTUNG'S RETURN

Japanese Foreign Minister
Indorses Baron Makino's
Pledge in Paris.

By the Associated Press.
Tokyo, May 17.—Viscount Uchida
Japanese Foreign Minister, gave out the
following statement for publication to-
day:

"The recent development of the inter-
national situation has given rise to
numerous diplomatic questions of great
moment, the satisfactory settlement of
which can only be arrived at in an at-
mosphere of good will and mutual con-
fidence among the Powers concerned.
To attain this desirable end each na-

tion should be guided by calm and un-
biased judgment in its estimate of the
conduct of foreign nations. While care-
ful not to lose sight of its own stand-
point, it should not forget to appreciate
the standpoint of other peoples and to
seek to adjust and harmonize the special
positions from which those questions are
viewed by each party.

Regrets Charges in Press.

"Suspicion or prejudice not warranted
by the actual facts or a display of self-
ishness without due weight being ac-
corded to the interests of others is de-
plorable in any case, and is doubly dan-
gerous at the present moment when the
whole structure of international rela-
tions is in process of reorganization,
looking to the establishment of a solid
and lasting peace.

"My attention has recently been called
to certain articles in the press, both at
home and abroad, which, viewed in this
light, are much to be regretted. Grave
charges, for instance, have from time to
time been made in some of the Japanese
papers against the attitude of friendly
nations in China, Siberia or Korea with-
out any evidence in support of those al-

legations and without regard to the se-
rious consequences which may follow
from them, compromising the position of
this country.

"It is not denied, on the other hand,
that certain sections of foreign journal-
ists in China have equally been dissemi-
nating mischievous reports in misappre-
hension or misrepresentation of the true
aims of Japan. Some of them have
even gone so far as to level at Japan
the preposterous reproach that she had
contemplated the conclusion of a secret
alliance with Germany while the war
was in progress. There is, however, no
reason why we should follow their ill-
advised example and indulge ourselves
in similar proceedings, calculated to cre-
ate international mistrust and estrange-
ment.

Policy of Frankness Pledged.

"If concrete facts are shown justify-
ing apprehension that our legitimate
rights and interests are being disregard-
ed by any foreign power, the only ef-
fective means of defending those rights
and interests is to communicate with
the power in question freely and frank-
ly, pointing out the actual facts of the

case, which may thus have engaged our
attention. Certainly no such ground of ap-
prehension is at present anywhere to be
discovered, but should it ever happen to
exist the Government will always be
found ready to proceed to necessary
measures on the lines above laid down.

"Turning to our relations with China,
I learn with as much regret as surprise
that in certain quarters serious misgiv-
ings are entertained as to our true and
genuine intention, and that we are even
credited with the design to modify our
avowed policy of restitution to China
of the territory of Kiao-Chow.

"I can only endorse and reaffirm the
statement issued to the press by Baron
Makino at Paris on May 4. Defining
Japan's position in reference to the
Shantung question, Japan will keep
every word which she has promised. The
Shantung Peninsula will be handed back
to China in full sovereignty, and all
arrangements made to promote the mu-
tual benefit of the two nations will be
loyally observed.

"It will be remembered that China,
by joining in the present war, has re-
sured from the associated Powers a sus-
pense of the payment of the Boxer in-

demnity and the raising of Chinese cus-
toms tariffs to an effective 5 per cent.
She will secure from Germany terms of
much value to her by the forthcoming
treaty of peace.

"We have gladly given our support
to the legitimate aspirations of China
in all these matters, and we will faith-
fully hold to the policy which I an-
nounced at the last session of the Im-
perial Diet with a view to placing our
relations with China upon a basis of
justice and mutual helpfulness."

Mineral City Bank Shortage.

Dover, Ohio, May 17.—The shortage
in the Mineral City Bank at Mineral
City, which has been closed since
Wednesday, following the suicide Tues-
day night of D. O. Van Kirk, cashier,
was to-day placed at between \$180,000
and \$200,000 by Philip Berg, chief of the
State Banking Department, following
the completion of his investigation of the
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